

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing Dr. Kenneth F. Geigel as the Latino American Committee of Monmouth County honors him for his unfaltering dedication to the Latino community.

TRIBUTE TO MOELLER HIGH SCHOOL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2002*

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller High School is one of America's best High Schools. As a 1980 graduate of the institution, I rise today to commend Moeller for its years of excellence in education and for advancing the Marianist philosophy in a Christian academic setting.

Father William Chaminade, the founder of the Marianist order, inspires Moeller's philosophy. He intended all Marianist schools to be places where Christian Faith would grow and prosper. Moeller continues to meet Father Chaminade's challenge by making the religious faith of its students the center of their lives.

According to the school's mission statement, Moeller achieves these goals by teaching students about our responsibilities to God, family, neighbors and self; by engendering a willingness to serve the human community; learning how to interact faith with culture, changing the culture towards Christian values; assisting all to "develop" the "Marianist Family Spirit," and, to value the qualities of Mary the Mother of God, such as compassion, tolerance, patience and willingness to assist the poor in working for a just society.

The faculty at Moeller strives to pursue excellence in all academic disciplines. Students are encouraged to use their God-given talents to the fullest. Intellectual curiosity is stressed. Critical thinking and the development of skills for life-long learning are promoted.

The school is named after the Most Reverend Henry Moeller, the fourth Archbishop of the Cincinnati Catholic Archdiocese. Conceived in 1958, the idea for the boy's Catholic school became a reality in September 1960 when the doors opened for the first time. Moeller High School has since graduated over 6,000 graduates including our colleague Mr. Boehner of Ohio.

Moeller is well known throughout the country. The school has set hundreds of records on a local, state and national basis in academics and athletics achieving numerous championship titles at all levels.

Most of all, Mr. Speaker, the students and graduates of Moeller High School are the kind of men for whom Father Chaminade prayed. His vision of a family of well-rounded Christian academic settings has produced some of America's best citizens and disciples of Jesus Christ. Moeller has succeeded in developing students into productive, successful and mature adults with the ability to share and work with all people.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to be a graduate of Moeller High School and part of the Moeller family. I'm exceedingly proud to represent it today as a Member of the United States Congress here on the floor of the House of Rep-

resentatives and to speak on behalf of what is clearly an uncommon school of remarkable accomplishment.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in commending Moeller High School for its leadership in American education, citizenship, and piety. May Moeller continue to prosper in its noble goals and may everyone associated with the school's mission continue to enjoy God's greatest blessings.

RECOGNIZING THE GOLDBERG B'NAI B'RITH TOWERS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2002*

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers, which will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary on October 20, 2002. The Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers has demonstrated an immense commitment to the elderly community in Houston, and their hard work is to be commended.

In addition to hosting an event celebrating their anniversary, Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers will honor several individuals who have demonstrated tremendous dedication to the success of this residential community. In addition to Helen Mintz, who has volunteered her time as a painting instructor for the past 25 years, the Towers will also commend the generosity of Robert and Edith Zinn, who provide funding for the medical transportation program, and the Paulene Sterne Wolff Foundation for its support of the meal and housekeeping services. These people definitely deserve recognition for their tireless efforts to improve the lives of others.

The Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers began in 1971 as a vision of the late J.B. Goldberg. Goldberg, along with a dedicated group of men, sought to transform that vision into a reality by establishing an apartment complex for the elderly. Following the model set forth by B'nai B'rith International, ground was broken for the first building of the complex in 1976. It opened in 1978 and included 150 units. In 1982, the second building was opened, bringing the total capacity to 380 residents. Over the past 25 years, the Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers, which are owned and managed by the B'nai B'rith Senior Citizens Housing Committee of Houston, have provided a home for over 850 individuals.

The invigorating atmosphere this facility creates continues to have a positive impact on the lives of its residents through its many programs and support services. With meal preparation, housekeeping, geriatric nursing, and transportation services to medical appointments, the Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers enables its residents to maintain an active lifestyle. Additionally, the myriad of activities offered at the Towers include classes in computer training, painting, ceramics, and citizenship, as well as an open game room and exercise facility.

Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers has also been a strong proponent of multi-culturalism and diversity in Houston. The wide variety of religious resources available in the Towers undoubtedly serve the spiritual needs of its residents. Nondenominational Bible study, Torah study, Shabbat services, Catholic mass, and a

Chinese fellowship organization, that minister to a variety of groups, facilitating an environment for spiritual and cultural expression.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Goldberg B'nai B'rith Towers on its 25th anniversary and commend its staff and volunteers for their devotion to the residents of this facility. I wish the Towers continued success in the future, as its presence in the Houston community has been invaluable.

TRIBUTE TO MR. GYLMAR (GIO) ROBERTO SIMOES

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 21, 2002*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a constituent in the 6th District of New Jersey. It is with great pleasure that I introduce Mr. Gylmar (Gio) Roberto Simoes, who is being honored by the Latino American Committee of Monmouth County.

Gylmar Simoes was born in Brazil and moved to the United States in 1979. He and his wife Linda as well as their three children, Jonathan, Samantha and Emerson live in Long Branch. Gio, as he is best known around town, is not only very active in the community, he is also the owner and editor of the Latino USA Newspaper which is published in both Spanish and Portuguese.

In 1996, Gio founded and directed the "Annual Brazilian Day in Long Branch Festival" which is celebrated every Labor Day weekend and draws over 7,000 Latinos every year. In 1997, he founded and directed the "Annual City of Long Branch Soccer Cup" which became the largest adult soccer tournament in the State of New Jersey, with participation of over 35 soccer teams from five states including New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Georgia. Gio was one of the Principals in the creation of the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Monmouth County and was the founder of the PEB (Pais de estudantes Brasileiros) Parents of Brazilian Students of Long Branch. Gio has also worked as a Spanish and Portuguese translator for the Assembly of God Church, the prisons and drug rehabilitation centers in New Jersey and New York.

Gio founded the Latino USA Newspaper 2 years ago to serve the Latino Communities throughout Monmouth County. The newspaper can now be found in 21 cities throughout New Jersey. It is in full color and reaches over 60,000 Latino readers per edition. The newspaper was awarded "La Pluma de Oro" in January 2002 by the APH (Asociacion de Periodistas Hispanos) as the fastest growing Latino newspaper in the tri-state area.

In 2001, Gio received the Brazilian Man of the Year award given by the Brazilian Association of Monmouth County and in 2002 received the Long Branch Mary Cox "Man of the Year" award.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere hope that my colleagues will join me in honoring and recognizing, Mr. Gylmar Simoes, as the Latino American Committee of Monmouth County honors him for his unwavering commitment to the Latino community.